

**Bryan Fairfax to George Washington, July 15, 1772,  
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**FROM BRYAN FAIRFAX, ESQ.**

TOWLSON July the 15th 1772.

DEAR SIR

I have received a Letter lately from Mr. Smith wherein he makes no mention at all of the Tract of 600 Acres on Goose Creek & chattins Run; so that I may dispose of it [to] you without waiting longer for the Man he had agreed with, which it was kind in you to propose. I wish we could agree about the Land on Pohick or that on the Kittochtan for which I must take a less price still than I have fallen to; especially considering the Sum you still purpose to advance on Accot. of Mr. Muirs<sup>1</sup> Bill which Mr. Baynes lately pressed me to pay. I had some thoughts of riding to Mr. Vernon soon; in order to attend you to pohick but being uncertain, on Account of my harvest and haying being backward, I take the Opportunity My Sister Washington<sup>2</sup> affords me of writing. Mrs. Fairfax & Sally desire their Compliments with

Dr. Sir Yr. most Obedt. & obliged hble Servt. BRYAN FAIRFAX

If it should happen that either of the Hounds sent down lately should not please you I beg to have the first offer of them; I mention this because I am convinced that all Sportsmen do not look on Dogs in the same Light, of which you are also satisfied from the many

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superexcellent dogs you have had given you, which have not answered yr. Expectation. Some allowance must be made for prejudice, perhaps therefore you'll not think Rouser equal to Ringwood, tho' I do expect that he is closemouthed. Dabster tho' a great Babblers at first I liked the best of the three; which I mention lest he should at first for want of Practice return to his Babbling and you should condemn him too soon. Tho' you did not seem to like Ranger I really think he was as good a Dog as ever I had except his want of a good Nose—Rouser is exactly such another in every Respect. Two of my hounds running a Fox yesterday great part of the day hath revived the Subject in my Mind & hath caused this postscript.

1 John Muir, of Alexandria.

2 Hannah, youngest daughter of Colonel William Fairfax, was the second wife of Warner Washington.